



GENERAL ASSEMBLY

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

2014 REGULAR SESSION

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 44

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2014

The following concurrent resolution was reported to the House from the Senate and ordered to be printed.

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SECRETARY OF STATE
COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
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1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION declaring Kentucky to be the "Houseboat
2 Capital of the World."

3 WHEREAS, the boating industry generates over \$826 million annually; and

4 WHEREAS, in 2012, Houseboat Magazine reported that the Lake Cumberland
5 region of Kentucky produced more houseboats than any other area in the nation; and

6 WHEREAS, there are several houseboat manufacturing companies in Kentucky,
7 and one notable company, Sharpe Marine, also known as Somerset Houseboats, began in
8 the late 1940s working on a design that would make houseboats a signature industry for
9 Kentucky for the next 60 years; and

10 WHEREAS, Jim Sharpe of Somerset, Kentucky is credited with building the first
11 houseboat in 1953, and that boat design served as the catalyst for the development of the
12 modern houseboat industry as we know it today; and

13 WHEREAS, beginning in the 1990s, Kentucky's houseboat industry entered into
14 international markets exporting houseboats made in Kentucky around the globe; and

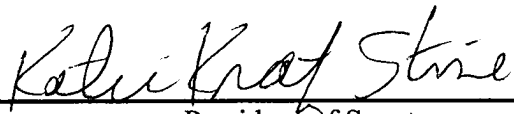
15 WHEREAS, since then, thousands of houseboats have been built around the shores
16 of Lake Cumberland, but Kentuckians, like the thousands of visitors who migrate to
17 Kentucky every year, enjoy houseboating as a recreational opportunity too; and

18 WHEREAS, Kentucky is uniquely blessed with more navigable waters than any
19 other state in the nation except Alaska, which makes Kentucky a wonderful destination
20 for houseboaters and further supports Kentucky's boating and outdoor recreational
21 tourism industry;

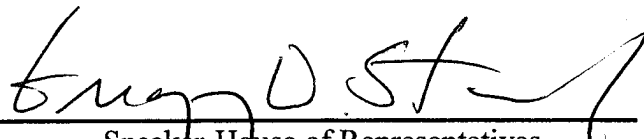
22 NOW, THEREFORE,

23 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*
24 *Kentucky, the House of Representatives concurring therein:*

25 ➔Section 1. Kentucky is hereby declared to be the "Houseboat Capital of the
26 World."



President of Senate




Speaker-House of Representatives

Attest:



Chief Clerk of Senate

Approved 

Governor

Date 4-7-14